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844 graves or go to funerals. The umbilical cord is not cut until the placenta is out. In doing this a knife of bamboo is used. In fact, they use five bamboo cutters. They cut with the first four a little, and then throw them aside. The fifth bamboo knife cuts through.

● 846 614 [851] When the child is born, a man (maybe the father) comes to the house and bangs five times on the wall from the outside with a spear, and asks, "Boy or girl?" (The assistant said he banged the spear himself.) The word used for boy means "kampong child"; for girl "outside child," reflecting that the former will swell the population of the kampong, but the latter will leave the kampong on marriage. The placenta is put in a box with ashes, along with the umbilical cord (mba'u means placenta with cord). The box is hung in front of the house until it falls apart and disappears. He says usually a dog or some other beast finally eats it up! However, this holds for some va'u only. Other va'u throw the afterbirth in the river, and others bury it. Thus the custom in Pau is hanging; Pongkor buries, Veol throws in the river, Tjepang throws in the river.

805 The calendar starts with planting. They count the months thereafter. The year has ten moons. The two moons extra (May, June, July period) are not counted. They are "empty." (This may explain the confusion Papajungan had in explaining the Toradja calendar, because there too they had extra, unnamed months.)

The ten months, he said, are named. This is unclear, because later it seemed that he reneged on this at Anam when I pointed out that Anam was just having a New Year feast at the end of January, while other kampongs had had theirs long since. Maybe they just count from the planting time, and the "New Year" feast does not take place at the start of the counting, but is just